GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURISM PROJECTS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had made any assessment of the potential for tourism development in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of tourism development projects sanctioned for the North Eastern States and the funds released in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and project-wise;

(d) whether the funds have been utilized fully and properly by the North Eastern States and if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise; and

(e) the details of tourism projects under consideration of the Government/pending for approval, if any State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): An Integrated Tourism Master Plan for the North Eastern Region was prepared by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on the basis of a study commissioned by the North East Council (NEC). One circuit for each State was tentatively identified by Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government for the said Master Plan.

The Ministry of Tourism has also initiated the process of selection of consultants for conducting a study on Tourism opportunities for the North East through Asian Highways.

(c) & (d): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. The details of tourism projects sanctioned, amount released and amount utilized by each of the North Eastern States during each of the last three years and the current year is at annexure-I.

(e): The list of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the prioritized tourism projects of the North Eastern States received by the Ministry of Tourism is at annexure-II.